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### **USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTS PAXTON WITH NEW EARLY WARNING SYSTEM**

**Paxton, Neb., August 31, 2005**—The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development awarded \$6,900 to the Village of Paxton for installation of a new early warning system. New siren system will provide for reliable hazardous weather and emergency alert to the 600 plus rural residents of the community. Village is contributing \$13,250 towards the project.

“Paxton’s current siren system has become unreliable due to its age of over 60 years,” stated Lennis Hodgson, area director for USDA Rural Development. “Manual and remote signal activation is featured in the new siren and battery back up provided. The siren will also be audible by the entire community heightening the level of protection afforded to Paxton residents.”

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